

In the specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 1, line 17, as follows:

A¹ This is a continuation of U.S. Pat. application No. 09/322,977, filed June 1, 1999, which is a divisional of U.S. Pat. application No. 09/071,739, filed May 1, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,177,545, issued January 23, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Pat. application No. 08/922,170, filed September 2, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,968,822, issued October 19, 1999.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-10 as follows:

54581 A¹ 1. (Amended) An isolated antibody specifically binding at least one epitope of a mammalian heparanase protein, said heparanase protein being at least 95 % similar to SEQ ID NO:2.

A² 2. (Amended) The isolated antibody of claim 1, wherein said heparanase protein is native.

3. (Amended) The isolated antibody of claim 1, wherein elicitation of the antibody is through *in vivo* or *in vitro* techniques, said antibody having been prepared by a process comprising the steps of: